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The Decision Rests With the Artillery.

With the French Armies in the field. When the offensives begin on the French front—whether they be allied or German—they will be preceded by the greatest and costliest artillery preparation the world has ever seen. During everyone of these preliminary artillery battles millions of dollars of the world's wealth will disappear in smoke, gas, explosions and iron fragments. The battle will mark the culminating point in the concentration and power of artillery since the first months of the war demonstrated that the decision must rest largely with heavy artillery, the allies have been carrying out a steady program of increase that has now reached its full development. The allies will enter the 1918 campaign with the highest concentration of artillery that it is practicable to utilize.

It has been demonstrated that to destroy an enemy battery five or six miles behind the lines a 155-millimeter gun must fire no less than 800 shots. It cost about \$45 a shot. In other words it costs about \$38,000 to silence a single enemy battery.

In past offensives it has been nothing uncommon for the Germans to concentrate 500 batteries on a 16-mile front. This means \$21,000,000 for this one item alone on a front of that size.

But it is not impossible that actions may occur this spring on fronts of 160 miles, which would increase this one item to more than \$216,000,000.

Another task of the artillery is to cut away the enemy's barbed wire entanglements. Barrage fires are also terrible shell attacks. Thousands of shells of shells are consumed in a minute in this way. And sometimes the barrages will last for hours.

Shells will largely win the war this year. The allies are already assured of a superiority. But an ever and ever increasing superiority in shells that can come only from America will shorten the war as nothing else.

Four Groups of German Gas Projectors Destroyed by American Artillery.

An Associated Press dispatch says that four groups of German gas projectors, in addition to the group of 200 projectors already reported destroyed, have been discovered and likewise blown to pieces by the American artillery. Probable German plans for gas attack on a comparatively large scale against the American positions northwest of Toul have thus been upset.

The new groups of projectors were discovered from aerial photographs taken by American observers in French airplanes. The effective action taken against them was due to the quick work of the observers, the intelligence officers and the artilleryists.

The American artillery has been unusually active on this front and its shells also found lodgment in a number of ammunition dumps, which were blown up.

The American artillery also tore great gaps in the enemy wire and levelled various portions of the first and second line trenches, forcing the enemy virtually to abandon them.

Try This For Sour Stomach.

Eat slowly. Masticate your food thoroughly. Eat but little meat and none at all at supper. If you are still troubled with a sour stomach take one of Chamberlain's Tablets before going to bed. Adv.

STATE'S FARMERS ON THEIR METAL

Must Be Depended Upon for Full Requirements Food or Feedstuffs.

PAGE REVIEWS THE SITUATION

Coming Wheat Crop Far Short of World's Requirements. Corn and Other Food or Feed Crops Must be Produced in Larger Quantities if Suffering is to be Prevented—Better Cultivation and Heavier Fertilization Urged.

Raleigh.—"The world-wide food situation and their own individual interests demand that the farmers of North Carolina plant during the approaching season the largest acreage of corn and other food or feed crops in the history of the State and that they give such crops the best possible cultivation and the heaviest possible fertilization," declared State Food Administrator Henry A. Page in an interview with newspaper men today.

"The coming wheat crop will supply not more than half the normal needs of the world, which must continue to be largely supplied by this country until the end of the war and for a considerable period beyond. This means that the demand for corn and other grains for human consumption will be more than double during 1919.

Must Raise Own Requirements. "The transportation situation is such that our farmers have no assurance of being able to secure any food or feed stuffs from any other section of the country next fall and thereafter and if they do not produce sufficient food and feed crops for this section our people in all probability will have to do without. A large production of cotton is desirable and necessary and no particular reduction in the acreage of tobacco is being urged, but any farmer will be foolish to plant either tobacco or cotton to the exclusion of sufficient food and feedstuffs to run his own establishment and to provide his part of the surplus that will be required by the markets in our cities, towns and industrial communities.

"Few people have the imagination to conceive of the actual want and suffering which was prevented in our State by the increased cultivation of gardens and truck patches and increased production of staple food and feed crops last year. We are importing this fiscal year a comparatively small proportion of the thousands of carloads of canned goods and other food and feed products that we normally imported during past years. If we had not produced the stuff at home we would be going without at this time. We shall be able to secure even smaller imports of food and feed stuffs during the coming year.

"Every acre of wheat in North Carolina which has not already been heavily fertilized should be top-dressed with stable manure, wood mold and leaves or with commercial fertilizer. Every acre of food and feed stuffs should be manured or fertilized more heavily than has been customary in the past.

Farmers Upon Their Mettle. "Our farmers are upon their mettle! More depends upon them than upon any other class of people with the exception of the soldiers in the ranks themselves. I am sure that the patriotic farmers of North Carolina may be depended upon to do their full duty."

NEED TO CONSERVE WHEAT MORE URGENT

Consumption Must Be Reduced 30 to 50 Per Cent to Feed Allies and Prevent Flour Famine at Home.

Raleigh.—The Food Administration is fearful lest the recent announcement that meatless meals and porkless Saturday need not be observed during the next few weeks should give consumers the impression that there also might be a let-up in the conservation of wheat flour. On the contrary Food Administration officials announce that even more strenuous efforts for the conservation of wheat flour should be made if our people, to say nothing of our armies and our Allies, are not to go through a period of flour famine before the next harvest.

There will be no flour famine if the suggestions of the Food Administration are followed and the consumption of wheat flour is reduced by 30 to 50 per cent, but this reduction is absolutely necessary. The Food Administration is not only urging the substitution of other cereals and potatoes for bread, but is requesting consumers to eat less bread.

NOT A LIVING CHILD UNDER 8 IN POLAND

ALL HAVE SUCCEumbed TO STARVATION, WHICH WE COULD HAVE ALLEVIATED.

CRYING FOR BREAD WE WASTE

Editor Clarence Poe Sets Forth Need of Informing Our Rural Population of True Conditions.

(Clarence Poe in Progressive Farmer) She was a good woman and she talked much about how good the Lord had been to her and to her children. But at the same time she said: "No meatless and wheatless days for me! I've got wheat enough and I've got meat enough laid up in my pantry, and my children like it, and they are going to have it as often as they want it, and as much of it as they want."

After hearing this well-meaning woman talk, the writer picked up that night a European paper that comes to the home and read this paragraph:

It is said that there is not a living child in Poland under eight years of age.

"Not a living child in Poland under eight years of age!" With little bodies unable to endure the hardships and starvation of a war-torn land, they have died by thousands and tens of thousands. Thousands and tens of thousands of mothers as good as the woman who made this thoughtless remark, mothers who loved their children as much as this mother loved hers—they with heart-breaking helplessness have seen their children slowly starve before their eyes, while American mothers say, "No, I will not even vary my diet in a harmless way. I will not even make substitutions to save meat and wheat, in order that part of it may save the lives of starving babies and little ones in Europe!"

No, we don't mean that any American mother is saying this in words. Certainly the good woman of whom we write would not have said it or thought it—and yet by her acts, that was what she was saying. If someone could have shown her a photograph of one starving Polish child, with wan, pinched face and hollow eyes, crying to its mother for bread she did not have—oh, how quickly this American mother would have said: "Yes, I have plenty of wheat and I have plenty of meat, and I'll gladly divide my last crust to save the lives of little ones like that!" With such a picture before her eyes, how quickly would this American mother have called to mind the Last Judgment's awful curse on all those uncaring and hard of heart, "I was an-hungered and ye gave me no meat!"

But she didn't know. And thus again the Lord she tries to worship might lament as of old over his people, "Israel doth not know! my people doth not consider!" To this good woman the Hoover rules for meatless days and wheatless days were simply Government regulations—simply official red tape. She didn't know they were meant to save the lives of little ones once as fair, as merry, as bright-eyed, as love-inspiring as her own dear boys and girls!

And today there are thousands of others like this mother who do not know! Well-intentioned people, good-hearted people, God-fearing people! But they simply "do not know."

Friends and readers, it is our duty to help these people know! Let us give of our money, but let us also give of our time and effort for a campaign of education in these matters—to show the need of food regulation, War Savings Stamps, Liberty Bonds, Red Cross work, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. campaigns! We must save food for the starving; we must give money to protect the wounded and to provide wholesome moral recreation for our soldiers instead of unwholesome and immoral dissipation. And if our farmers—as is so often charged—have not supported these movements as they should, it is not because they are more selfish, more hard-hearted, less patriotic, than city people. It is only because they have not been informed. And all of us who do really understand must here and now resolve to help inform them. In every school, in every Sunday school, in every farmers' club, in every farm woman's club, and even as a part of almost every church service, our men and women of light and leading must do their part to arouse rural America. In the Revolutionary war it was the "embattled farmers" at Lexington who "fired the shot heard around the world!" In the Civil War it was the stubborn courage of our farm men and the steadfastness of our country women that won the world's applause for Confederate heroism! Because this war is a little farther from our doors is no reason why we

Are You Feeling the War?

(News and Observer.)

Does the average man or woman who earns a substantial salary or good wages have any idea of the sacrifices made by the small investors in Thrift Stamps to do their "bit" in the war? It is often a story of silent heroism. If those in fairly easy circumstances emulated the very poor whose souls are filled with unyielding resolution to do their share to win the war, what a boom there would be in the government's receipts from the sales of War Savings Certificates, War Stamps and Thrift stamps!—New York Times.

There are great numbers of the people who have not felt the war. They have given to war purposes and bought war securities out of an abundance, but they go right on enjoying all the luxuries of life. Actual sacrifice of their desires and wishes has not been made. They have not been moved by the urgency of the war calls as have a great many of the more responsive and more susceptible poor people.

But, as the New York Times urges, it would be a great mistake and a grave injustice to depend on the small savers to buy all the Thrift Stamps. Because a man is able to buy a block of Liberty Bonds is no excuse for not buying Thrift Stamps, too. He must put his big savings into Liberty Bonds and his loose change into Thrift Stamps. The man in good circumstances is under some obligation to give and buy until it hurts that the poor man is under.

Forgot What He Needed.

From the Republican, Mt. Gilad, Ohio. The editor had an interesting experience some time ago, when a young gentleman came to this office and asked for a copy of the Morrow County Republican. He scrutinized it carefully when a copy was handed him, and then said: "Now I know." "What is it you are looking for," we enquired. "My wife sent me after a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I forgot the name. I went to several stores and the clerks named everything in the line on the shelf except Chamberlain's. I'll try again and I'll never go home without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." The Republican would suggest to the proprietors of stores that they post their clerks, and never let them substitute. Customer's faith in stores where substitution is permitted, to say nothing of the injustice to makers of good goods and the disappointment of customers. Adv.

SALE OF BROILERS NOT INTERFERED WITH

Raleigh.—Announcement has been made by the Food Administration that trade in broilers weighing up to two pounds is not and will not be affected by the recent order of the Food Administration prohibiting the killing of hens and pullets except for strictly local trade by unlicensed dealers.

[Bad Taste in Your Mouth.

When you have a bad taste in your mouth you may know that your digestion is faulty. A dose of Chamberlain's Tablets will usually correct the disorder. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels. You will find this to be one of the best medicines you have ever become acquainted with. Adv.

should play a less noble part. And there is little time to lose. Many people think that twelve months hence peace will be in sight. Let us resolve therefore that during the coming year our rural people in every county will make a record of patriotism that our sons and grandsons will mention with pride even as we take pride in the exploits of our ancestors of the 60's. What we do in the next twelve months will fix our place in history.

THE GRAVE.

For The Democrat.

There is something very effective in looking into the cold and silent grave, in seeing our friends laid there, and in witnessing the earth heaped upon their remains. Especially is this so when we consider that ere long we, too, must be placed in the same situation. As the grave is appointed for all mankind, it would be wise for us to be prepared for our last home. But what is to be understood by being prepared for the grave? It is to be deeply convinced that we are sinners; it is to feel our need of an interest in Christ; to believe and trust in Him; it is to live under the teaching and sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit; it is to love the Sabbath, the Bible and prayer. If such is our character and experience then we are ready for the grave whenever God may call us, and we may look at our last home with pleasure and say: My flesh shall slumber in the ground. Until the last trumpet's joyful sound, Then burst the chains with sweet surprise And in my Savior's image rise.

But if not in possession of the above blessings, you may well tremble at the grave, nor should you rest until you have obtained them. Repent of your sins, believe on Jesus Christ and you are thus prepared for this great change.

J. V. MASTIN.

Matney, N. C.

We have received a neat little pamphlet entitled "Technical Education at State College" which has just been issued from the Registrar's office in West Raleigh. It contains pictures of all the buildings, with full explanations of the courses and of the many courses offered there. This is a time when people can better than ever understand and appreciate the good points of education in practical everyday things.

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